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SUBJECT: 1976 TRADE MISSIONS (III) COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL GROUPS

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1. SUMMARY: PROVIDED MISSIONS ACCEPT LIMITING CONDITIONS OF USINT SUPPORT LAID DOWN REF (B) USINT CONCURS IN VISITS JAN-MAY 1976 BY MISSIONS FROM MARYLAND, INDIANA, NORTH CAROLINA AND TEXAS. WE REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION ON MISSIONS FROM PENNSYLVANIA, TENNESSEE AND NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDER ASSOCIATION (NMTBA). THERE SHOULD BE A TIME SPREAD BETWEEN MISSIONS FROM INDIANA AND NORTH CAROLINA BECAUSE OF COMMON THEME. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMERCE CONFIRM SCHEDULE OF MISSIONS. END SUMMARY

2. REF (A) IDENTIFIED SEVEN MISSIONS WHICH MAY VISIT IRAQ JANUARY MAY 1976. REF (B) DESCRIBED FACTORS WHICH LIMIT SUPPORT USINT CAN RENDER TO THESE GROUPS. THE REST OF THIS MESSAGE NOTES LOCAL HOLIDAYS WHICH MUST BE BORNE IN MIND AND UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENTS ON EACH MISSION. HOLIDAYS

3. IN JANUARY MAY 1976 FOLLOWING ARE IRAQI HOLIDAYS TRADE MISSION
SHOULD BEAR IN MIND:
(A) JANUARY: 1,4,6,14.; (B) FEBRUARY: 8. (C) MARCH 21, (D)
APRIL 8, (E)MAY 1 (F) ALL FRIDAYS.

4. HOTELS WILL BE TIGHT DURING THIS PERIOD. IT IS RECOMMENDED
THAT MISSIONS NOT CARRY MORE THAN TWELVE MEMBERS BECAUSE OF
PROBLEMS OF SPACE.

COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL MISSIONS

5. STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA: JANUARY 1976. TO SAUDI ARABIA,
EGYPT, KUWAIT UAE. HORIZONTAL. NO THEME. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
UNKNOWN. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC AND GENEVA UPDATE INFORMATION
THROUGH J. THOMAS ROGERS PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
406 SOUTH OFFICE BUILDING, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120
AND OR THROUGH MICHEL Y. W. DEMAUREK, PRESIDENT BUSINESS ASS-
OCATION, A. 62, QUAI GUSTAVE ADOR, GENEVA, SWITERLAND. AT
THIS STAGE WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO PASS
JUDGEMENT ON VIABILITY OF THSI MISSION.

6. STATE OF MARYLAND: JANUARY 1976 TO IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND
POSSIBLY KUWAIT. THEME: HOSPITALS. EIGHT MEMBERS LED BY STATE
OFFICIAL. INFORMAL GROUP WISHES VISIT IRAQ IN LATTER PART OF
JANUARY. COMMENT: THEME IS GOOD. SO LONG AS THEY ARRANGE OWN
HOTELS OR WORK THROUGH LOCAL PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE
WE RECOMMEND, USINT WOULD WELCOME THEM.

7. STATE OF INDIANA: FIRST THREE WEEKS OF MARCH TO SAUDI ARABIA
IRAN, UAE, KUWAIT, SYRIA, EGYPT, IRAQ. LED BY LT. GOVERNOR
ROBERT D. ORR. COMMENT: THEME IS TIMELY. MISSION IS WELCOMR
IF THEY ACCEPT OUR CONDITIONS OF SUPPORT.

8 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA: MARCH 1976 TO IRAN AND IRAQ ON
THEME OF CONSTRUCTION. ADVANCE MAN HUNTER POOLE TO ARRIVE IN
BAGHDAD ON NOVEMBER THIRD. COMMENT: WILL WELCOME IF THE ACCEPT
OUR CONDITIONS AND IF THEY DO NOT OVERLAP WITH INDIANA GROUP.
PROBABLY NOT GOOD IDEA FOR TWO MISSIONS ON SAME THEME TO BE
TOO CLOSE TOGETHER.
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9. STATE OF TEXAS: MAY 1976 TO IRAN, IRAQ AND SAUDI ARABIA.
THEMES:AGRIBUSINESS, FOOD PROCESSING, IRRIGATION SYSTEMS,
CONSTRUCTION, OIL DRILLING, PETROCHEMICALS. TO BE LED BY LT.
GOVERNOR WILLIAM HOBBY. COMMENTS: ALL THEMES GOOD. WE WILL WELCOME
THEM IF THEY ACCEPT USUAL CONDITIONS OF SUPPORT.

10. STATE OF TENNESSEE: DTAES NOT CLEAR. ITINERARY NO CLEAR.

THEMES NOT CLEAR. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CLARIFY MISSION'S PROPOSALS (IF ANY) TOWARDS IRAQ.

11. NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION (NMTBA).
EARLY SPRING 1976. THEME: MACHINE TOOLS. ACTION REQUESTED
PLEASE CLARIFY MISSION'S INTENTIONS.

12. ALL SEVEN MISSIONS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE IOGAS. ASSUME USDOC
IS NOT PROPOSING TO SEND ITS OWN MISSIONS HERE SINCE WE HAVE
HEARD OF NONE.
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